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What Do You Think?

By "PILGRIM"

I think it is generally admitted that the quality of soccer football over the past years in Victoria has dropped below the desired standard. This has been due to a shortage of really good footballers, many clubs having teams which comprised a proportion of players who were not what we term really good.

We have heard the solution put forward in the past "Find the young players, coach them along and in due course you have the problem solved." It sounds simple and convincing. Later on (we've often heard this story) these lads will grow up into such good soccer players, there will be no shortage as far as the club goes. "However it doesn't quite work out like that. It is just a theory.

The reason being that there is a limit to what they can be taught, as far as these young players are concerned. They can be trained as experts, they can be coached all along the line from their youth by people who know. But that last little bit which makes the difference between the ordinary player and the really good footballer is either in the player or it isn't.

If it isn't, nobody can put it there.

Followers of the game will remember clubs which have taken a whole team of promising boys under their wing. But no club has produced by the method of keeping a good boys' team or junior team together, a side which has gone to the top in first class football.

Some Melbourne Clubs who had good junior sides have always had to include seasoned campaigners when they reached the senior ranks.

With the number of overseas players increasing, clubs will be confronted with what may appear a problem. Some selection committees, anxious to give the Australian junior every encouragement, may prefer to see these boys included in preference to what is often termed "ready made footballers." Other selection committees will definitely decide that the best players obtainable will make the team, regardless of their country of origin. To these selectors, the football public deserve the best. Club supporters, or at least 95 per cent. of them hope that their particular team will win. There is no doubt about this and it does not matter the composition of the team, as long as that winning sequence continues.

For myself, the raising of the standard of the game is of prime importance. If favourable circumstances have made available far more really good footballers than we have seen for years then it is an opportunity to be seized.

If sound planning takes place the Australian junior should not suffer in the process, but would benefit in the long run from such a policy.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

First Division

Brighton 2 (Marone, Barr) drew with Box Hill 2 (Mountford, McKellar).

Park Rangers 2 (Forrest) d. Prahran 1 (Orr).

Sunshine United 5 (A. Kyle 2, Maloney, Bradshaw, Ayton) d. Moreland 4 (Holmes 2, Gilbert, Thompson).

West Suburbs 2 (C. Taylor, Dodds) drew with Yallourn 2 (Mackenzie, Nobel, own-goal).

Second Division

Bradford 2 (Baxter, Killean) d. Coburg 0.
South Yarra 4 (Johnston 2, Sharman, Cameron) d. Preston 3 (Archer 3).

Northcote 2 drew with Ringwood 2.

Hakoah J.R.C. 1 (Myer) drew with South Melbourne United 1 (Dorrington).

Third Division—"A" Section

Olympic 2 d. Brighton 0.

Heidelberg 15 d. Northern United 0.

Yarraville 3 d. Metters 1.

Williamstown 4 d. Macedonians 0.

Third Division—"B" Section

Melbourne University 1 drew with Woodlands 1.

Reserve League—First Division

Brighton 1 drew with Box Hill 1.

Prahran 1 drew with Park Rangers 1.

Moreland 6 d. Sunshine United 0.

West Suburbs 6 d. Yallourn 2.

Reserve League—Second Division

South Yarra 3 d. Preston 2.

Northcote 4 d. Ringwood 0.

South Melb. United 4 d. Hakoah J.R.C. 0.

Under 19 Division

Preston 5 d. South Yarra 1.

Park Rangers 5 d. Prahran 0.

Box Hill 5 d. Hakoah J.R.C. 1.

Yallourn 5 d. West Suburbs 0.

Brighton 3 d. Coburg 0.

Under 17 Division

Preston 1 d. Brighton 0.

South Melb. United 4 d. Sunshine United 2.

Box Hill 6 d. Coburg 0.

Under 15 Division

Brighton 12 d. Sunshine United 0.

South Melb. United 9 d. Box Hill 0.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Park Rangers	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Sunshine United	1	1	0	0	5	4	2
Brighton	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Box Hill	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
West Suburbs	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Yallourn	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Moreland	1	0	0	1	4	5	0
Prahran	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Second Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Bradford	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
South Yarra	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Northcote	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Ringwood	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Hakoah J.R.C.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
South Melb. United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Preston	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Coburg	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Third Division—"A" Section

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Heidelberg	1	1	0	0	15	0	2
Williamstown	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Olympic	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Yarraville	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Metters	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Macedonians	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Northern United	1	0	0	1	0	15	0

Reserve League—First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Moreland	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
West Suburbs	1	1	0	0	6	2	2
Brighton	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Box Hill	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Prahran	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Park Rangers	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Yallourn	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Sunshine United	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

Under 19 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Park Rangers	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Yallourn	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Preston	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Brighton	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Coburg	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

First Division

Brighton v. Yallourn
Prahran v. Sunshine United
Moreland v. Park Rangers
Western Suburbs v. Box Hill

Second Division

Coburg v. South Melbourne United
South Yarra v. Ringwood
Northcote v. Preston
Hakoah J.R.C. v. Bradford

Third Division

Brighton v. Macedonians
Yarraville v. Heidelberg "B"
F Heidelberg "A" v. Olympic
Melbourne University v. George Cross
Woodlands v. Metters
Williamstown v. Regent

Reserves

First and Second Division Reserves same as First Teams, but on opposite grounds.

Under 19 Division

Preston v. Prahran
Park Rangers v. South Yarra
Yallourn v. Box Hill
Hakoah J.R.C. v. Brighton
Coburg v. Western Suburbs

Under 17 Division

South Melbourne United v. Sunshine United
Brighton v. Preston
Box Hill v. Coburg

Under 15 Division

Preston v. South Melbourne United
Ringwood v. Sunshine United
Brighton v. Northcote



TODAY'S CUP-TIES

Today sees the second round of the Cup and Shield games in operation. Some teams are favoured with easy draws, but that is the luck of the draw, but despite this however, some surprise results may occur.

In the Dockerty Cup, teams that should win their way into the third round are, Park Rangers against the Third Division team Metters, Preston against Williamstown, the remaining Third Division team left in the Cup, Sunshine United against their neighbors, Western Suburbs, and Yallourn against Ringwood.

The remaining games appear to be open. South Melbourne United, with the absence of some of its players through injuries, will be striving hard against Bradford at Footscray.

Coburg will not find Northcote very easy opponents, especially on Northcote's home ground, whilst Hakoah will be trying to gain some of its prestige through the loss of their last games, by a win over Box Hill at Surrey Park. Box Hill however, is in winning form, and Hakoah will need to improve a lot from their previous performances to have any chance of winning.

The match of the day will be staged at Olympic Park, where South Yarra, third in the Second Division, will be up against the only team to defeat division one leaders. Brighton is in form and will take a lot of beating.

My selection of teams to enter the third round of the Cup are—Bradford, Park Rangers, Coburg, Preston, Box Hill, Sunshine United, Yallourn and Brighton.

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MAKING CLUB JOTTINGS ATTRACT

In last week's issue of this journal reference was made that the interests of Clubs could be advanced by judicious use of the space available for their Club Jottings.

As this space is limited each week it is of importance that interesting news is given in as few words as possible. It is also important that your various items of interest catch the eye and attract the attention of any person casually looking through the paper. Therefore break up your Club Jottings into two, three or more sections each headed with a short catchy headline.

Remember that most of us are self-interested and our own interests come first. Therefore a section of the "News" headed "Preston Club" is often passed over by supporters of other Clubs. But if their eye catches a heading such as "Promising New Winger," or "Three Casualties In Match," or even "Club Dance Next Month," their interest is more likely to be caught and they read your item of news.

For example let us look back at last week's issue of "Soccer News and Views." It would be a safe bet to say that almost every official, player and supporter reading that issue was attracted by the item headed "Committeeman Acts As Referee" and read it.

In conclusion let us again glance at last week's Club Jottings and see what we can pick the items that the following will refer to—"Forward's five goals in first half," "R. Williams dangerous," "Preston Under 17 confident," "Hakoah in form again," "Left back breaks leg," "Medals presented at dinner," "Junior and schoolboys encouraged," "Olympic goalkeeper plays though ill," "Players Fish and Chip Night," and many others could be written each one paying dividends for the space it occupies.

CLUB JOTTINGS

Box Hill Versus Moreland

Ground conditions seemed to be a great handicap to the Moreland forwards. The heavy going suiting the Hillmen who would have imposed a heavier defeat on the visitors had it not have been for the excellent exhibition of goalkeeping by the Moreland keeper. Don Hutchinson was on the mark and gained three more to his season's tally of goals. Box Hill defenders were not greatly troubled by the Moreland attack which lacked the usual polish and drive when near goal.

Junior Cup Replay—Box Hill Versus Coburg

The class of play was below the usual standard, although the teams were even throughout. Coburg held on to a single goal lead until the last 20 minutes but the defence broke down twice in quick succession before determined efforts.

Found

Found in Chalet, Middle Park, when Brighton played Park Rangers Reserves on Saturday, 19th June, one watch. Will loser contact J. Finney, 13 Derby Parade, Caulfield, S.E.7.

Brighton Versus Sunshine

Two capable, determined teams fought out this struggle at Sunshine, and after a game that had the spectators on tip toes with ex-

citement practically throughout the match Brighton won by the odd goal in three.

Brighton acknowledges the fact that Sunshine deserves their place in the league table and they therefore consider it a feather in their cap that they were able, on this occasion at least to match Sunshine in pace, ability, and determination.

Brighton took the lead early with a goal by Jack Marone who converted a perfect corner kick by Alec Barr.

Fifteen minutes later Sunshine had equalised, Harridan the left winger scoring with a beautiful left foot shot.

Shortly after the same player nearly gave his side the lead when another splendid hit the underside of the bar and rebounded to Andy Kyle, who made a great attempt to hook the ball over his head into the net. Fortunately for Brighton it went over the bar.

Both teams tried strenuously for the deciding goal and late in the second half Brighton got it. Brighton attacked down the centre and got into the penalty area. A defender trying to clear scooped the ball back with his hand, Syd Parsons of Brighton fastened onto the ball and drove it into the net, but the referee had blown his whistle for a penalty.

Jackie Marone who was entrusted with the kick made no mistake, and Brighton were one up. The remainder of the game was full of incident, but no further goals were scored.

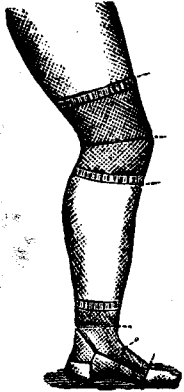
Brighton team all played well, with I thought Bingham and Taylor outstanding while Sunshine were well served by Fletcher, Drennan, Whittaker and Harridan.

Park Rangers Versus Western Suburbs

Although they scored the only goal of the match the Rangers were always superior to their visitors, whose goalie, Roberts, saved many good shots, especially in the second half, when his side was playing against the wind. Both sides were guilty of badly directed passes which were intercepted by opposing players. The first half, with Western Suburbs having the advantage of the wind, was even and ended without a goal having been scored. Both goal keepers played well and made many good saves.

In the second half the home team pressed continuously but Suburbs, playing the third-back game, prevented them scoring until

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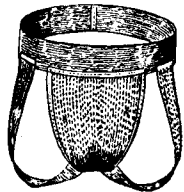


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about 10 minutes from time. Dickinson slipped the ball past the backs for Wilson to place it into the far side of the net. The visitors made occasional raids but these were repelled by Fox and West, the Rangers full backs.

Both sides failed badly in front of goal, shooting wide or high when well placed. The greatest failing was one that is common to many Australian soccer players—too much toe, and not enough instep, with the result that the ball is usually lifted instead of being kept low.

In this game, the two defences were better than the opposing forwards, which accounts for the low score. Another feature was the inability of the wing forwards to put across effective corners. Here, where it is advisable to kick with the toe, the instep was invariably used. Also those corners that did come across at a good height were too near the goal and were usually dealt with by the goalie or full backs.

A word of advice to the wing halves of both teams. They should learn what constitutes a foul-throw. The writer observed too many faults in that direction, especially en-

croaching with the feet, which were not noticeable to the referee but should have been penalised by the linesman.

Preston Club

After being tipped to beat Hakoah last Saturday in "Soccer News and Views," Preston went on to do just that. The gusty and slippery conditions spoilt both teams kicking and team work. Preston had the advantage of the wind in the first half but it was the Hakoah side that scored first through a shot by centre forward Meyer. Preston kept the Hakoah defence busy and finally Keith Nash put in a grass-cutter which left the Hakoah goalie standing. Second half wind advantage gave Hakoah the chance to take the game. However George Smith and Alex Drysdale on the Preston back line were in form, and also the efforts of Allan Welsford in goals saved the day. A centre from the right wing gave Joe Cromptoetts the chance to head Preston's second and winning goal.

Preston are looking forward to maintaining their successful run and so going further in the Dockerty Cup rounds next Saturday.

Hakoah Reserves turned the tables on Preston and won by 3 goals to 2. Andy McKernan scored for Preston and good play came from Buff and Bain.

The Under 19 team defeated South Yarra by 2 goals to nil, mainly through the efforts of McNiece who scored one goal and also through good play by O'Brien and Banks. Peachey scored the other goal.

The Preston Under 17 boys went through the Coburg team and put on 10 goals to nil. Jeavons was in deadly shooting form while Clarke and Turner were particularly smart on the forward line.

Under 15 Juniors defeated Sunshine by 3 goals to nil, these three coming from the boot of Tindill. Carter played well, while Tiernan and Davies showed encouraging form in their second game for Preston.

South Yarra Reserves Versus South Melbourne Reserves

This game was played at Fawkner Park, and it was a very important game for both Clubs, the winners being complete leaders in their Division. After quite a lot of mid-field play South Yarra took the lead when Tich Baxter scored from a penalty kick. Half-time 1:0.

Playing much better football South Yarra took control in the second half and goals came from Vosper and Evans, but South Melbourne fought back and Gilchrist reduced the leeway. Good work on Yarra's left wing saw Vosper across for Tich Baxter to gain Yarra's fourth, but shortly before the finish Gilchrist notched South Melbourne's second with a nice header, but Yarra held their lead of 4:2 till the finish.

Best for Yarra, Morriss, Kennedy, Evans, for South Melbourne, Gilchrist and goal keeper.

Metters Versus Brighton

After a late start owing to the referee not turning up, the two Clubs agreed to an unofficial referee from amongst the spectators, with Brighton winning the toss and kicking against the wind. Metters taking the advantage of the wind battled hard on the Brighton goal area.

Metters centre forward, J. Purdon opened the scoring with a hard driving shot, which found the net. Brighton equalised from a corner kick, a low travelling ball which struck Metters right back's boot swerved away from the goalkeeper into the net. Purdon again got through to score with the co-operation of Lang and Cuthbertson on the right wing. In the second half Brighton's young players secured two quick goals. Metters with two players taken off injured battled hard but Brighton scored again. Final Brighton 4 d. Metters 2.

Metters run of bad luck, with the loss of L. Hurlstone, their right winger, who has gone to another State and three injured players, their Cup-tie game was doubtful next Saturday against Park Rangers but after a talk on Sunday morning they decided to play. So will be at Middle Park next Saturday no matter what happens, as it is experience they are after.

South Melbourne United

South Melbourne United's first team suffered its second defeat of the season on Saturday, and again by the same team that beat them previously. Faced with a possible defeat by South Yarra of from five to six clear goals, owing to the absence through injuries of four of its regular players, officials of the South team were surprised at the good showing of its team. Both Yarra's goals were re-

gistered in the first half with the wind in their favour. After the interval, United's solid defence kept them at bay, and the game ended 2-0 in favour of the visitors.

United's Reserve team also met its second defeat, and again by South Yarra 4-2. United was again weakened by the absence of some of its regulars playing for the first team, and did well to keep the winning margin down to two goals.

United's Under 17 team had formidable opposition in Brighton, whom they defeated by 4 goals to 3. This game was very even right throughout, and both teams were well matched.

United's youngest team, the Under 15's, won comfortably from Ringwood, whom they have drawn in the semi-finals of the Dunkling Shield to be played today.

Next Saturday night, July 10th, the South Melbourne United Club will conduct a club social evening at the Rugby Hall, Middle Park. All members, friends and relations of members, and supporters of the club are welcome to attend.

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9. Any player or players been ordered off shall be dealt with by the Association on report of the referee.

10. In the event of a dispute occurring not covered by the rules, the Committee shall immediately meet and give a decision which shall be final and binding.

11. All players must be in their Club colours.

12. Entrance Fee—(under 15) 6d. per member. All others, 1/- per member.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Macedonians "B" did not field a team against George Cross last Saturday, and it was not known at time of going to press whether the Northern United "B" versus Heidelberg "B" game was played, as no result had been phoned through to the Association Secretary. This applied also in the Second Division Reserve game, Bradford versus Coburg. Clubs are reminded that the home team must phone results through to Mr. Armstrong as soon after the match as possible. His phone number is MW 7476.

Owing to the withdrawal of Park Rangers from the Under 17 Division, South Melbourne United met Sunshine United on Saturday in the first round of fixtures. This Division's fixtures have now been redrawn, but first round of games played last Saturday stand as official games.

Coburg have withdrawn their Under 15 team, and Northcote could not field a team in this division against Ringwood, so fixtures in this Division may have to be redrawn.



CLUB SECRETARIES

At the time of going to press several Clubs have not yet indicated their intentions of accepting copies of the "News" for sale each week.

Will the Clubs concerned please notify the Editor as soon as possible in this regard as we do not want to send copies where they will not be sold, whilst other Clubs that are likely to increase their weekly quota may be deprived of the opportunity of getting them.

Copies of "Soccer News" as sent to the Railway Station nearest the address of the Club Secretaries. If this is not convenient please advise the Editor immediately.

FOOTBALL QUIZ

The following Quiz is published to help improve our readers' knowledge of the game.

1. Is-it legal for a football (soccer) pitch to be square?
2. An Arsenal footballer who also plays cricket for Middlesex, has represented England in war-time internationals at fullback and centre-forward. He is the brother of a double international. Can you name him?
3. Judging by remarks made at soccer matches, few people know when the ball is out of play. Do you?
4. In what year was the whistle first used by a soccer referee?
5. When was the new "offside rule" introduced—what year?
6. Who is now Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Football Association's Management Committee?
7. How far out from the goal line is the Penalty Spot?
8. Two of our most promising youngsters earned places in the Australian Schoolboys Soccer Team to play against New Zealand last season. Can you name them and what clubs do they belong to?
9. Who won the Junior Interstate "Skolnik Cup" last season, and where did the match take place?
10. From a shot at goal the ball is sent back into play by the goalkeeper—can a goal be scored by a player in an offside position?

(See answers on Page 8)



MATCH DESCRIPTIONS

It is regretted that owing to limited space, it is impossible to print match descriptions. Occasionally the main match will be given space when necessity arises.

Items required from Club Correspondents include "Club Jottings," Social Notes," "Overseas Items," and "Hints on the Game," etc. All contributions must reach the Editor, Mr. J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East Kilda, S.2., not later than Monday morning post of each week.

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AN S.O.S. FOR REFEREES

An urgent request is made to all those soccer enthusiasts who are now no longer taking an active part in the game on the field, to join the Victorian Soccer Referees Association. This Association meets on the fourth Monday in each month, at 8 p.m., Room 8, Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street, Melbourne. All enquiries should be addressed to Mr. H. Armstrong, 27 Farm Street, Newport.

If Juniors require coaching on the Rules of the game, Mr. J. Parker will be at the Railways Institute, Room 8, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19th, to give what help he can.

FOOTBALL QUIZ—ANSWERS

1. No. A Soccer Football Pitch must always be longer than its width.
2. Leslie Compton, brother of Denis, the famous footballer-cricketer. Leslie now plays at centre-half.
3. The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air.
4. 1878, when Nott Forrest played Sheffield Norfolk at Nottingham. Prior to this, the referee's only control of the game was through his voice.
5. 1925.
6. Mr. A. Mackie, who is Secretary of Park Rangers Club.
7. 12 yards.
8. Brooker of Preston Club and Hatley of Sunshine United.
9. South Australia, and the match was played at Olympic Park, Melbourne.
10. Yes, as the ball had been last played by an opponent. Had the ball hit the cross-bar or upright, the player would have been offside and the goal would have been disallowed.



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